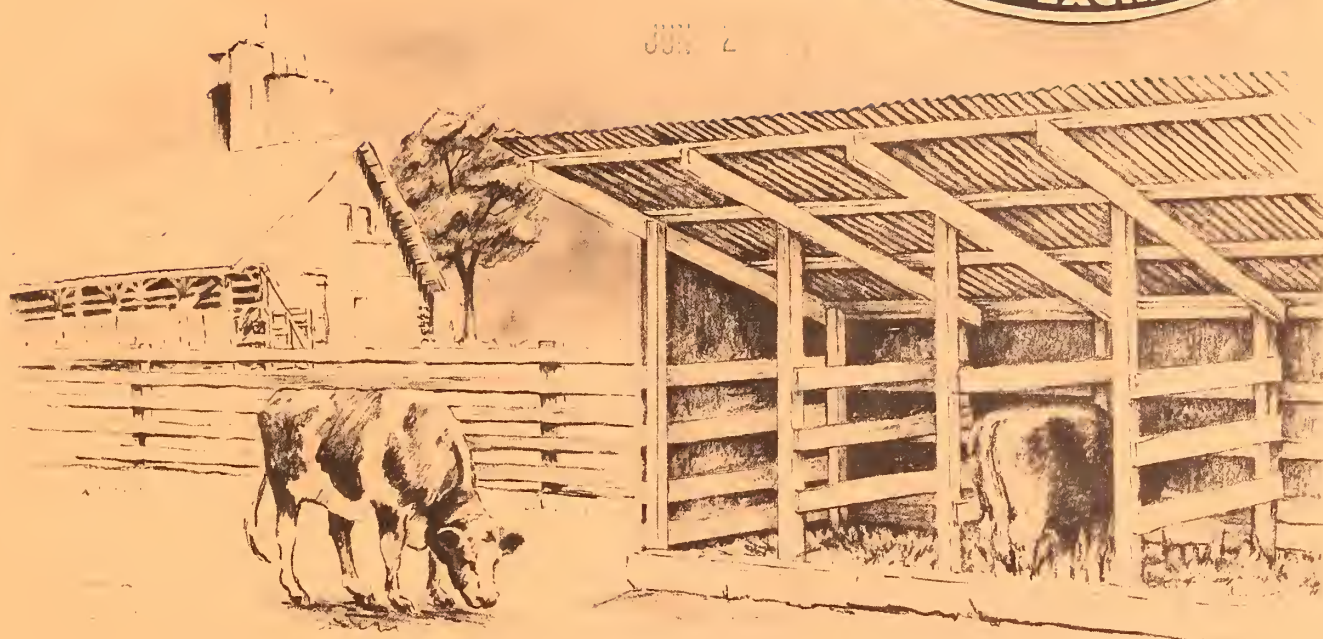


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COW KENNELS



Cow kennels are portable units of three or more free stalls with their own roof and backwall. This is an inexpensive method of providing shelter for additional cows or heifers when the present barn is too small, but there are not sufficient extra animals to warrant construction of a new barn. The kennels also serve as a bedded area and provide windbreak for the feeding yard.

Construction of a kennel unit is very simple and is easily done with normal tools and skills found around the farm. The skids and support posts of these units should be constructed of pressure-treated lumber or rough sawn hardwood. All bolts and nails, especially those at the bottom of the unit, should be rust resistant. Planks should be placed along the back and ends of the units to prevent the bedding and stall fill from pushing out the wallboards.

The ends and backwalls can be constructed from metal roofing, plywood, or 1-inch lumber. The roof is made from 12-foot long galvanized metal roofing. Twelve-foot metal roofing extending beyond the rafters allows 10-foot rafters to be used.

To minimize labor in keeping the stalls clean, it is important that a good hard-packed fill be placed in the stall as shown on the working drawings.

Complete working drawings may be obtained from the extension agricultural engineer at your State university. There may be a small charge to cover cost of printing.

If you do not know the location of your State university, send your request to Agricultural Engineer, Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. He will forward your request to the correct university.

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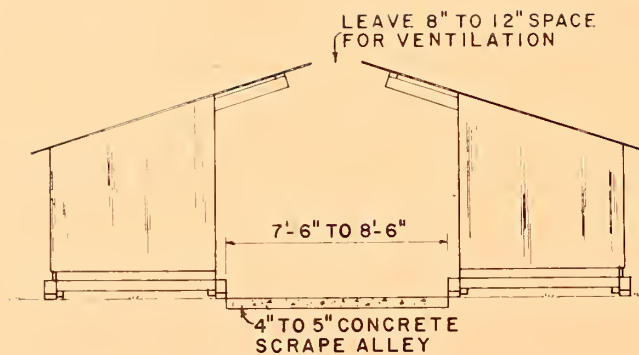
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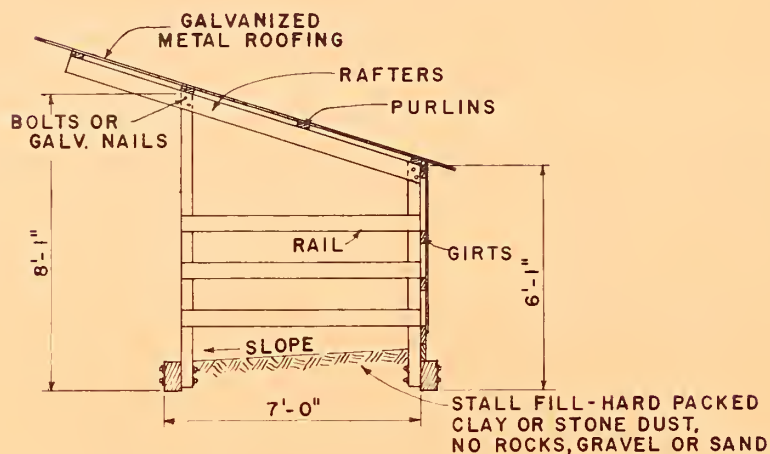
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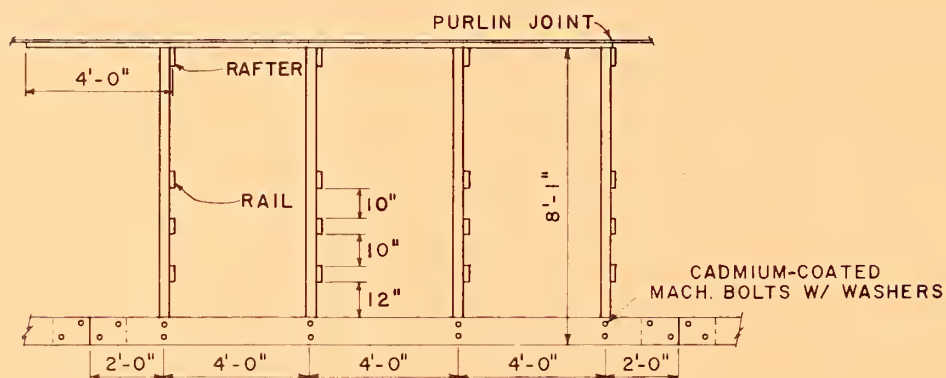
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